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MORTON'S ONLY FRIEND

a Hand to the Secretary.

The Agriculturally Inclined Cabinet Officer Could Get No One in the House to Introduce His Amendment for a Director-in-Chief at \$6,000 Per Annum

Secretary of Agriculture Morton has found one friend in the Scnate. This friend is Senator Proctor. The

Junior Scuator from Vermont has an amendment which he intends to propose to the bill making appropriations for the Department of Agriculture.

This amendment reads: "Director in chief of scientific bureaus and investigations, to serve during good behavior, to have the authority to act as Assistant Secretary, and to perform such other daties as the Secretary may direct, \$6,000."

In the House Secretary Morton could find no one who would offer this amendment to the bill when it was debated there last week. "Seed distribution" stood in the way over there, and it may kill the amend-

The amendment is a most innocent-look ing affair. It rends smoothly, but it conshould become a law, a great change in the existing order of things. It means that the Assistant Secretary of Agriculture shall serve during good behavior.

THE ARGUMENTS MADE.

The question arising on the Senate side b. If an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture should remain in office during life as an Assistant Secretary, why should not ev ery Assistant Secretary do the same? The arguments brought to bear in this case would have weight in all others.

In trying to get his measure through,

Secretary Morton urges that it is his duty to arge the appointment of a director-inchief. But other people see duty in a different light. He says:

"It would seem a simple basiness propo sition, needing no argument to support it, that this vast and comprehensive work the labor to be done by a director-in chief of agriculture) promoting, as it does, the development of almost every resource of our land and every industry of our people, our production at home and our markets abroad, and concerning even the food and health of a large part of our population, for which \$1,700,000 are annually expended, should have a permanent, broadly ed-ucated and experienced scientific super-

FAILED IN AN EFFORT.

He speaks of the changes of administra-tion and how the work of the department is affected. This he urges as one of his

He has secured the co-operation of a num ber of scientific gentlemen in the District, but failed in an effort made last night. That was to secure the favorable action of the joint commission of scientific socie ties of the District. The matter was brought

A number of Senators are already loaded for the bill. They will make it interesting

PRINTERS VOTING TODAY.

C. M. Robinson Likely to Be Chosen Secretary of Columbia Union.

Today the printers are electing a suc-cessor to ex-Secretary Brockwell of Columbia Typographical Union. The result will not be known until probably 10 or 11 o'clock tonight.

division, in the Government Printing Office, has made a very energetic canvass in the short time alloted, and has made commendable progress. He is a young man of more then ordinary ability, and his friends hope o have him a winner. Mr. Jones will poll a big vote down-town, in the meaning of

rate and secretary for Columbia Union, is ilso a candidate, and is being supported by a certain element controlled by differforemen in the Government Printing Office. People in a position to know my that he will win without an effort.

William H. Duling of the News chape will probably get the down-town vote. Just what that will amount to at this time is hard to estimate, as a large number of District men are in the employ of the gov

CHILDREN'S HOME BURNED.

Inmates Rescued in Bitter Cold Clad Only in Their Nightgowns.

Delaware, Ohio, Feb. 20.—The Delaware ounty Children's Home, located just north County Children's Home, located just north
of this city, was burned to the ground at
midnight. When the firemen arrived they
devoted all their time to rescuing the fortyfour inmates, ranging in age from fiften
to two years. They were all taken out with
difficulty, clad only in their night clothing.
The mercury was below zero, and they
suffered terribly before covering could be procured. A street car was sent for, and the suffering children were taken to the major's office. This morning they were fed by citizens in the city building. There were many narrow escapes. Property less \$20,000.

A verdict of \$1,900 damages against the Washington Gaslight Company was returned in Judge Cole's court this morning. It was in favor of John H. Peake, administrator

was in rayor of John II. Feake, administrator for William A. Burgess.

Mr. Burgess was employed at the eastern engine house of the gas company, and on February 26, 1892, was fatally scalded by the accidental escape of steam. He died on March 1. Mr. Burgess was single, and his sisters and a half-brother are the beneficiaries under the verdict. An appeal will probably be taken. eal will probably be taken.

Reading, Pa., Feb. 20. The handsome dwelling of W. Irving Wilheim, the bicycle manufacturer, and that of Mrs. Maria Fisher, adjoining, at Hamburg, this county, were burned at 3 o'clock this morning, together with all contents. Mr. Wilhelm and family d several guests had a very narrow escape and were rescued from a second-story win-dow in their night ciothes. The loss on the properties and contents may reach \$12,000. The fire is supposed to have been caused by a

Mountain Fires in California

Mountain Fires in California.

Santa Bartara, Cal., Feb. 20.—A fierce mountain fire is raging in 8an Roqui canon, close to the city. There is no wind, but the flames have covered considerable territory, entirely burning out Garcia canon, a branch of the 8an Roqui, and running far up the mountain side. Some anxiety is entertained concerning the safety of a young 8panish-American rancher, Aledoni Garcia, who, with his wife and two little children, reside in a cabin up the canon.

FORTY BODIES NOW FOUND

Senator Proctor the One to Lend Two Hundred Injured in the Explosion at Johannesburg.

OTHERS TURN HIM DOWN Hole Thirty Feet Deep at the Place Where the Dynamite Exploded. Every House Nearby Razed.

> Johannesburg, Feb. 20.-The explosion of dynamite which occurred at Vieden dorp, a suburb of this city, last evening was more disastrous than was at first believed. Eight railway cars loaded with dynamite were being switched from one track to another when the explosion took place.

> a hole thirty feet deep was made in the ground, and every house within a radius of half a mile was razed to the ground. The number of persons killed cannot yet be even estimated. Forty bodies have been found and the search is only just beginning. Two hundred injured persons have been

At the spot where the dynamite exploded

taken to the hospitals, where several of them have died. Comparatively few white

Favorable.

Maher Is Not in the Pink of Condition, But Is Anxious to Get at Lanky Bob-The Exact Nature of the Advices Are Still Kept Secret. Manager Quinn's Statement.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 20 .- Early this morning Dan Stuart received answers from both principals in the big fight in response to his notification of last night regarding the place and time at which they would be expected to be in the ring.

The exact nature of these advices is still kept secret, but the answers, although couched in a Yerent phraseology, were to the effect that each man was ready to do his part and to follow Stuart wherever he may lead them.

This, taken in connection with Stuart's declaration, reaffirmed this morning for the thousandth time, that the bat tle-ground is safe and that interference with the crowd on route, or on the return or at the ringside, is beyond the bounds of probability, makes it look certain for the first time since the articles were signed that Fitzsimmons and Maher will contest for the world's championship under the Flor-ida Club's auspices, if not on American

MAHER'S CHANCES ARE SLIM. There seems to be no question that Maher is not in the pink of condition that he needs to be to meet Fitzsimmons on equal grounds. The trouble with his optics caused him to lose nearly a week's work, while his opponent took advantage of the pestpone ent for a couple of days only, and since

has been doing more hard work than was really demanded by his shape. The Irishnian, therefore, is going into to save the \$2,000 forfeit than in any expectation of winning, although he naturally clings to the hope that there may

be something or other the matter with his Maher's only chance seems to be in his ability to catch the Cornishman off his guard and get in a couple of good upper cuts or eye-punches, that will rattle Fitz-simmons and clear the way for pounding him at close quarters around the ring, but it is hardly likely that the Kangaroo's reputa tion for cunning and shiftiness on his feet will desert him at the critical period in his fortunes, and the beavy Irishman may find it more difficult to land on slippery "Bob"

than be anticipates. FITZ INTENDS TO HUSTLE. Fitzsimmons' program, as given out pr rately, is to rush things from the start, with the view of giving his opponent a quietu within three rounds. If the Irishman's tactics make this course impracticable, there the contest may be prolduged for ten round or more, and as each additional round would be a drain on Maher's physical re sources the result in the long run would be the same, except that Maher would have the prestige of putting up a better fight

than his apparent shape had justified his admirers in expecting.

Manager Quinn's signed statement the United Press that Maher is not in the taken by Maher's friends as intended to pave the way for his defeat. That the general sporting element regard it in th same light is indicated by the total lack of betting on the general result, although some money has been put up on the number of rounds the Cornishman will require to get the purse, the short and long ends be-

ing, respectively, 3 to 8. MANY SPORTS ON HAND.

The morning trains brought in a fair-size crowd from Mexico, Texas and New Mex ican points, and additional contingents will be in at noon and sunset. General order have been issued for all who expect to go to the ringside to assemble for instructions at Stuart's office at 5 o'clock. It is told in one quarter that the start will be made at midnight, while other stories have it that 4, 6 and 8 on Friday morning are the hour decided upon. There is just as much uncer tainty as to the road upon which the party

will go out. If the fight had occurred on Friday last the Texas Pacific would have carried the crowd, but Stuart was in consultation yes terday and Tuesday with the repres tives of another line, and this leads to the belief that the battlefield has been changed It is known that Stuart has six location of these may be selected and then change

El Paso-Tex., Feb. 20.-Maher, accomp nied by Quinn and the entire outfit from the Las Cruces quarters, arrived over the Santa Fe at 11:45 o'clock this morning. The Irishman, with Quinn and Connolly, took a closed carriage to the offices of Dr. Albert, who is chairman of the local committee. Peter looked in excellent shape and was in

Admiral Fyffe Critically III.

New York, Feb. 20.—A Pierce, Neb., special says: "Rear Admiral Joseph Pyffe, U.

S. N., retired, is critically ill here of peritonitis. He formerly resided in West Newton,
Mass., but has lived here for some time.

HIS LITTLE JOKE.



I'll Accept if I Get the Lion's Share.

EVERYTHING IS READY KING OF COUNTERFEITERS MR. FRYEWAS DRAWN OUT SUGAR PLANTERS GRIND HANGMAN'S BAD BLUNDER

Own Defense.

Never Was Arraigned for a Crime Against the Government-Became Acquainted With Dr. Bradford in Sing Sing-Had No Knowledge of "Queer" Business

Trenton, N. J., Feb. 20.-The fifth da of the trial of the Brockway counterfeiters was begun at 12:30 o'clock this morning with the announcement that the prosecution rested, reserving the right to call Secretary of the Treasury Carilise upon fils ap-

The defense was at once opened by placing Brockway on the stand. Judge Hoffman called him. "Col. W. E. Spencer, take the stand," he said, and Brockway slowly walked to the witness chair. He testified that his correct name was William E. Spencer and that he was seventy-four years of age. His mother died when he was an infant, and when he was ten months old a family named Brockway adopted him. That is how he came to be known by that name.

CONVICTED OF CRIME. Being asked if he had ever been con victed of a crime, he answered that in 1847 or 1848 he pleaded to a charge and was sent to Sing Sing, where he remained a year or so. About ten or eleven years ago he was again sent to Sing Sing for coun terfeiting a railroad bond. He was never otherwise convicted and never pleaded

to any other charge. He was pever arraigned for a crime against the government. He became ac-quainted with Dr. Bradford at Sing Sing in 1886 or 1887. Bradford was a dentist by profession and he (the witness) worked for him afterward, at cleaning and potishing and had several dental parin New York. Much of the early part of the month of July last he spent at

onton with his granddaughter. He visited the Smiths, in West Hoboken, and for the first time. in February, 1895. He was taken there by Dr. Bradford. The latter said that it was his cousin's birthday, and he wanted to celebrate it. Mrs. Smith was his cousin. He stayed there with Bradford until 8 or 9 o'clock in the evening, having gone there in the after-

While at the house he went in and out per at the house and played whist. He ent to the house again in the latter part of May last. He was in company with Dr. bradford, who wanted to stop there to get some clothes.

NO KNOWLEDGE OF COUNTERFEITING. There was no one there but Mrs. Smith and they stayed about ten minutes. The first time he called Wagner and Mrs. Smith's son, Heary, were there. He never had any knowledge of the manufacture or attempted manufacture of counterfeit money in the house. He never had any conver sation on the subject with Dr. Bradford or anyone he met there.

The prisoner was asked to explain concerning the things which the detectives

found in his room. They were pieces of wax, oil-cloth, and steel, and also spools of yellow and red silk. The wax, he said, belonged to Dr. Bradford and was used in his business of dentistry. The pieces of steel were used for cleaning the material out of which artificial teeth are made. The slik he had bought for his little granddaughter, who used to get it working fancy articles. None of these articles were in his possession for any criminal purpose. They had no connection with anything at or occurring at the West Hobo-

The prisoner next explained how he came in possession of the \$500 bill and the other money found on his person or in his room by the officers. The \$100 bill with the head of Lincoln cut off was the one he was most closely examined about. He got that bill, he said, for a diamond ring which he sold Dr. Bradford. He did not notice when he took the bill that it was mutilated

He wanted Dr. Bradford to give him another bill for it and Dr. Bradford promsed to do so, but he never did. The witness put the bill in a bureau drawer, where it was found by the detectives. He denied that he ever used it for counterfeiting purposes. The other money came to him

or altered.

MISS BARTON AND NO MORE. Turkey Will Not Admit Others to Dis

tribute Charity. A cablegram received by Secretary Olney from Minister Terrell today says that the American public should understand that a multiplicity of agents to distribute charity in Turkish provinces can, under existing conditions, preduce nothing but discord, and can be given no assurances of being admitted.

heing admitted.

Miss Barton, who possesses the confidence of the Turkish government, with her agents, now in the interior, will be sufficient, says the minister, to distribute all charity. It is quite unlikely, Mr. Terrell adds, that naturalized citizens or newspaper correspondents will be ad-

Prospects for the Big Fight Look Brockway Takes the Stand in His Replied to Squire's Attack on His Orders Issued to Those in Ma- Rope Broke at an Execution in Pet Corporation.

The Connecticut Senator Facetiously Proposes That the Washington Statesman Be Unanimously Exonerated-Hill's Query as to True Character of Certain Resolutions.

A resolution to print 3.500 copies of the report of the immigration investigation ssion was agreed to by the Schate

A bill making Syracuse, N. Y., a port of delivery was favorably reported and placed on the calendar.

provements in the barbor of Manitowood procedure. Mr. Hill calling attention to the act that some resolutions were concurrent. not requiring the approval of the President, and some were joint, requiring his approval, and that no distinction seemed to be made between them.

He inquired of Mr. Nelson, who was in charge of the resolution, whether there was any special harry about it.

Mr. Nelson said that these was; and Mr. Hill said that, under the excumstances, he should not ask that the resolution be re-

ferred to the Judiciary Committee; but be said that he would take the first opportunity mittee, so as to have some authoritative deciston about it. The joint resolution was agreed to, and

also a like joint resolution in reference to the Sacramento river.

THEY MUST BE AMERICANS.

Mr. Squire reported from the Committee on Commerce, with amendments, a bill in-troduced by himself requiring officers and engineers on American merchant ships

This bill was made the text of some remarks by Mr. Frye, chairman of the Committee on Commerce, in part contradiction of statements made by Mr. Squire when he introduced it, reflecting on the manage ment of the American steamship line on the point. He said that Mr. Squire's charges were not maintained by the facts-no that Mr. Squire meant to deal unjustly with anybody, but that he had simply been

crammed with misinformation. The American International Navigation Line was, Mr. Frye said, to a certain exten a child of his own, and he was proud of it; so that he could not allow the charges against it to pass without notice. He gave figures showing the large percentage of employes on the ships of that line who were American citizens, and asserted, without fear of contradiction, that there was not a had done so much to promote American cit zenship as that line had done.

Mr. Squire justified his original asser tions in a long statement, which was interrupted by a facetious proposition from Mr. Platt, that the Senator from Washington be unanimously exonerated.

A memorial of the Manufacturers and Producers' Association of California of the Chamber of Commerce of San Fran-cisco, on the subject of manufactures in Japan, was presented by Mr. Morgan, and was referred to the Committee on

THE CCBAN RESOLUTION. Mr. Hill, in carrying out his suggestion which was agreed to, instructing the Ju-diclary Committee to Inquire and report whether, in certain cases, resolutions ought to be joint resolutions, and whether conto be submitted to the President of the

United States.

At 2:10 p. in. the Benate took up Mr. Morgan's Cuban concurrent resolution declaring that, in the opinion of Congress, a condition of public war exists between the government of Spain and the government proclaimed, and for some time maintained by force of arms, by the people of Cuba; and that the United States of America should maintain a strict neutrality between the that the United States of America should maintain a strict neutrality between the contending powers, according to each all the rights of belligerents in the ports and territory of the United States.

Mr. Cameron offered a substitute for the consurrent resolution in these words: "That the President is hereby requested

to interpose his friendly offices with the Spanish government for the recognition of ndence of Cuba." Mr. Call addressed the Senate

INJURED'BY BOILER EXPLOSION. Five Men Hurt, Two Fatally, and On

Will Lose Sight. Cificago, Feb. 20.-Five men were ously injured, two of them fatally, by the explosion of a boiler at the World's Fair ground this morating. The injured are:

John Swan, fatally scatted, John Ohron, fatally scatted, William Forey, loses eyesight, Michael Sherry, scatted John Colvin,

scalded.

The men were engaged in dredging and landscape work, and the boiler, which was the last one left in Machinery Hall, was used to furnish power for their work.

tanzas by the Governor.

FITZ'S PRIVATE PROGRAM HE TELLS HIS LIFE'S STORY INTERRUPTED BY MR. PLATT SHOW LOYALTY TO SPAIN

They Must Employ the Guards for Their Estates-These Sacrifices Required to Show That They Do Not Sympathize With the Insurgents. Weyler's Reports to De Lome.

Havana, Feb. 20. Senor Adolfo Porset, overnor of the Matanzas province, has ssued a circular directing the owners and managers of sugar estates in his jurisdiction to begin the work of cane grinding with the least possible delay. This circular is the result of verbal instructions given Gov. Porset by Capt. Gen. Weyler at a recent

The planters are expected to hire guards for their estates, as the government troops are being withdrawn in order to aid in the carrying on of military operations against the insurgents. The province of Matanzas contains several hundred sugar including some of the finest on the island.

Gov. Porset declares to the planters that it is a patriotic duty they owe to Spain to begin grinding operations at once.

J. F. CLARK.

WEYLER'S LATEST REPORTS.

The following dispatches were received by the Spanish minister last night: Bavana, Feb. 19.-Gen. Linares, who has been two days following the track of the enemy, attacked the rebel forces in the Porvenir hill, near Mount Chimborao. The insurgents were defeated, losing eleven killed and thirty wounded.

Gen. Prats met two days ago in the Guanazales mountains a band of 1,600 insurgents commanded by Varona Loto-Prats went afterwards with his column to

Union de Reyes. The volunteers have defeated in the and Acevedo.

Fifty men of the San Quintin regiment, reconnoitering in Savannah Guanajay, defeated a group of insurgents killing two and capturing their borses and rifles.

GOING TO MAKE GOMEZ FIGHT. Havana, Feb. 19 .- "Having received addvices that Maceo had passed by the Santa Amelia plantation in the direction of Famen, including eighty wounded in recent enumns, and that Maximo Gemez with his forces arrived yesterday at the Morales plantation, with the intention of uniting his forces with those of Maceo, I have reinforced the garrison of Jaruco with companies of the Gaudalajare battalion, and have given orders to the columns of Cols Galvis and Frances to go from Gabriel to Santiago de las Vegas, through Havana, by rail, to take positions on the railroad to Matanzas, between Yaruco and Aguacate

"Six troops of cavalry, commanded by Gen. Ruls, have gone from Bejucal to Cuatro Canimos, in the road from Havana to Guines. Col. Fort, with his command, is holding San Jose de la Lajas. Col. Sehura is following the enemy. Gen. Aldecoa goes toward Carmen to meet the column of Hermandez that comes from Catalina. The command of Gen. Echagiic is at Guines. Gen. Prats and Col. Molina are marching toward the mountains of Mad-

ruga from Union de Reyes and San Nicolas "The bulk of the enemy seems heading oward the province of Matanzas, and I propose by these combined moven oblige him to fight. WEYLER."

CUBA IN CONGRESS

Chairman Hitt's Evasive Reply to

Question on Belligerency. The full text of the Cuban corresp nce sent to the House last week has been of the House Foreign Affairs Committee oday. It has been referred to a subcon mittee, of whom Mr. Adams of Pennsylvania is chairman.

It is not expected that the subcommitte will report back to the full committee before next week, inasmuch as the correspon fills more than 200 printed pages, which t will require some time to read and digest Contrary to general expectation, there was no discussion of Cuban affairs in the committee this morning. The only reference to the rebellion came in the form of an inquiry by Mr. Newlands of Nevada as to the effect upon this country of a recogni-tion of Cuban belligerency.

The question was addressed to one in particular, but Chairman Hitt ma what is described as an "evasive" reply. end with that the matter was dropped The Bayard resolutions of censure were briefly referred to, but it was generally understood that they would not be reported lisposed of.

If you were among the hundreds disappointed last Sunday in not getting a toy theater base apply at The Times office A plentiful supply of the attractive toys has been secured, and you will need one to mount "Little Hed Riding Hood" on Sunday.

CONSUL WALLER PARDONED FIGHTER M'MILLAN DEAD

President Faure of France Orders His Release From Prison.

His Wife and Children Will Move to Baltimore-Their Plans for the Future.

Secretary of State Olney has received a cablegram from Ambassador Eustis statng that President Faure this morning signed Waller's pardon, and that orders

are being issued for his release. A Times reporter conveyed the news of the signing of the pardon to Waller's family in this city. Mrs. Waller is at present in Baltimore, but her daughter was seen "Can you tell me." asked the reporter, "what business your father will engage in when he returns to this country?"

"I don't suppose he has made up his mind on that point himself," she replied. "We have received no news from him for the past

three or four weeks. "I think be will remain in Washington for two or three months, settling up his business affairs, after which we will probably

Mrs. Waller is in Baltimore, making ar-

St. Louis.

CULPRIT LAY WRITHING

Then He Arose and, With Black Cap Over His Head, Walked Into the Morgue-Whispered to the Priest While Lying on the Slab-Another Rope Procured and Law Satisfied.

St. Louis, Feb. 20.-Mismanagement, in competency, and torture officiated at the nanging of James Fitzgerald in the four ourts' jail yards this morning. Two reprieves had lengthened out the

misery of the condemned. At 12 o'clock midnight Gov. Stone telegraphed from Jefferson City that the hanging should no take place before 10 a. m. This gave everyone but Fitzgerald hope

of commutation, as the parents of the mur-dered girl had wired strong pleas to the governor for the condenmed. Father McErlanc labored seducusly to comfort his charge, but Fitzgerald was indifferent. The two hundred spectators in the jujiyard were far more impressed than be, as they counted the nimutes of life still remaining to him.

GOVERNOR DECLINED TO INTERPERE. When the tower clock struck 10 Sheriff Troll still hesitated. At this moment the sheriff received the following telegram "Feb. 20, 9:45 a.m. Henry Troll, sheriff:

"Ideeline to further interfere in the case of James Fitzgerald. You can, therefore, only discharge your duty. "W. J. STONE.

Then the solemn procession from the conlemned man's cell began. Father MeEr lane, reading the prayers for the dying, suplongo and pursued them to the Pardinas ported Fitzgerald to the foot of the scaf-plantation. The enemy lost five men killed. Sheriff Troil led him to the trap concealed hangman said: "All right." At exactly 10:17 o'clock the trap was sprung Fitzgerald's body shot downward. tead of stopping when the rope's end wa reached, there was a sharp snap, a wail rom the unfortunate wretch, and Fitzger ald's body lay writhing on the ground. The

rope had broken. Officers at once rushed to the spot and found Fitzgerald was still alive and con cions. "My God! My God! My throat!"

he groaned. Before the horror-stricken watchers could touch him hearose. Standing up with the black cap over his ace and the broken instrument of death daugling from his neck, he walked into the morgue, where he was given stimulants. He was more auxious than his executioners for death, and begged that the end com

quickly. WHISPERED TO THE PRIEST.

When a second rope was called for non was to be had, and Fitzgerald lay moaning on a slab in the morgue while a mes senger was sent a distance of nine square for a new rope. Father McErlane bent over the body of Fitzgerald and recited prayers.

Once Fitzgerald raised his hand and pulled the head of the priest to his face and whis pered earnestly for half a minute. What that communication was will never be known, but the face of the priest, then ashy pale, turned scarlet, and tears fell from his At 10:45 the messenger arrived with a

new rope, which was quickly adjusted, and Fitzgerald was carried to the scaffold. It was necessary for two deputy sheriffs to hold him up while the noos was placed. Fitzgerald's only words were

At 11:02 the frap was again sprung At 11:15 the attending physicians pro-nounced life extinct, and the corpse was given to relatives.

To say that the community is indignant

it the sheriff and his assistants is putting it mildly. Sheriff Troll says all the usual tests were applied to the death-apparatus before hanging, and that the horrible scene at the first attempt was wholly due to some

defect in the rope that could not be foreseen. TWO DIVORCES GRANTED.

Joseph H. Poore and Alexander Betz Are Free Men Again. Judge Hagner granted two divorces this

morning. One was upon the original bill, the other upon a cross bill. Both were The first was to Joseph H. Poore from Sora Poore. No contest was made. It is inderstood the ground was descrtion other was Alexander Be

Lillie M. Beiz on the ground of adultery A vigorous fight was made by Mrs. Betz's The papers in both cases are locked up from the public.

President Denies a Pardon.

President Cleveland today refused to grant a par Jon to Louis Redwine, the young society man of Atlanta, Ga., who was convicted of embezzling the funds of the national bank in which he was employed and sentenced January 12, 1894, to six years imprisonment in the Ohio pentientiare of

Choked to Death After Smoking Opium With Friends.

LUNGS UNABLE TO WORK

The Pugilist Was Drinking Yesterday and in the Evening "Hit the Pipe" at No. 942 E Street-Companions Startled by Seeing Their Sleeping Friend's Face Turn Black.

William D. McMillan, chemplon heavy. weight pugifist of the District, died at 5 o'clock this morning from opium poisoning, the result of too free indulgence in smoking the drug. He was selzed with a convul-sion about midnight, just after laying aside the pipe, and did not recover consciousness. Drs. Wade H. Atkinson and George Heineke were in attendance, but were unable to

resuscitate him.

McMillan has been a moderate smoker for a number of years, and with a number of his friends smoked at frequent intervals. He lived, with his wife, at No. 329 Missouri avenue. Yesterday morning he was not feeling well, and left his house without cating breakfast. He visited a number of salcons during the day, and drank some, although not enough to affect him, but he did not return to dinner yesterday

evening. . About 8 o'clock he met two friends, Will McGovern and Walter Dean, on the corner of Thirteenth street and Pennsylvania avenue, and asked them where they were

"To the Chinaman's," they replied, and, understanding, he joined them.

They proceeded to a store in the Chinese quarter kept by a Chinaman, and purchased fifty cents' worth of "dope," as the optom is called when prepared for smoking. With that they returned to McGovern's room, at No. 942 E street northwest REGAN TO SMOKE.

McGovern possessed a pipe and complete layout and the three ranged themselves about he bed and began to smoke, taking turns at the pipe. They began about 8:30 o'clock and smoked

leisurely on until about 11:30, talking generally. Then, when it came McMillan's turn to smoke they pushed the pipe toward him, but he waved it off, saying: "Pass me." The pipe went on to Dean, and McMillantalked on in an ordinary tone of voice for a

few minutes. His future prospects were the subject of his thoughts and conversation. Suddenly his conversation ceased, and in a few minutes he began to shore. His two friends looked at him, and saw that he was turning black in the face .
"That don't look natural," said Me Govern, and as McMillan began to choke he waited for no more, but ran out for a doctor. He was unable to find one on the square, so he went to a drug store, and Dr.

Atkinson was telephoned for. He reached the room about 12:30, and after working on the dying man awhile without being able to restore him to consciousness, asked that Dr. Heineke, on Eleventh street, be The efforts of both physicians were und vailing, however, and about 5 o'clock he succumbed. A messenger was at once dispatched for Bob Connell, his most intinate friend, who, with his wife, lives in

McMillan's house. Connell reached the room in the E street house shortly after he The group of grieved and somewhat frightened friends of the dead pugilist were certain what Atkinson suggested that the body be allowed to remain where it was until Coroner Ham-mett looked at it and ordered a certificate. Accordingly, the room was locked up and

Dr. Atkinson sent a telephone message to

THE CORONER'S QUEST. At 11 o'clock this morning Dr. Hammett called at the Estreet room and inquired into the circumstances. Connell, Dean, and McGovern, and several other friends of the deceased fighter were present, and from the two who were with him when he died, together with the two physicians, he learned circumstances of the peculiar death. The pipe and tray containing the layout were produced, and when the smokers explained to the physician how the poison was smoked, he explained to them how, at any time when a man's condition is run

down, he might be affected by the drug just as McMillan was. Aspliyxlation was the direct cause of The luggs of the dead man were filled with the drug, and breathing was rendered impossible. The condition of his stomach was what caused the opium

to effect him so strongly. Pr. Hammett approved a certificate of death from opium poisoning signed by Drs. Atkinson and Heincke, and authorized the friends of the deceased to turn the hody over to an undertaker. Accordingly. the remains were removed to Lee's under taking establishment and prepared for burial. Babe Connell and Walter Bean ook charge of the funeral arrangements. McMillan's wife was notified by Mrs. Connell of her husband's death, and was

completely prostrated. The two had only en married a few months. McMillan was twenty-nine years old, and London was his birthplace. He came to Washington first about nine years ago, and became identified with local pugilism. Then he went to Chicago, returning to Washington about two years ago. He wrested the title of champion benvy-weight of the District from Pat Raedy, the fight last

ing little over a minute. BOWED BY HIS SON'S SHAME.

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Indianapolis, ind., Feb. 20.—The connection of William Wood of Greencastie with Walling and Jackson, the murderers of Pearl Bryan, and the general belief that he binself was an accessory before the fact to the crime, will doubtless result in the retirement of his father from the ministry. It is said that Rev. Mr. Wood feels the disgrace that his son has brought upon him most keenly, and he has not appeared in the pulpit since the details of the affair on the part of his son became known.

Cincinnati, O., Feb. 20.—May Smith's sensational story, told white under the influ-

Cincinnati. O., Feb. 20.—May station a sacty. Johl while under the influence of liquor late Tuesday night, is now denied by her. When telling the story she salti Jackson had confessed to her on January 14 that he wasgoing to kill Pearl Bryan. She also said that he had written her a letter after the crime, c. afcessing his guilt.

This has all been done in behalf of Walling. with whom she was very intimate, and whom she still has a lingering affection.

New Revenue Cutter for New Orleans.
A favorable report was made in the #enate today on Mr. Caffery's bill appropriating \$150,000 for the construction of a steam revenue cutter for use at New Orleans, in place of the "Seward," which does not meet the requirements of the service.